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To All Philmont
YLs AND XYLs
From ALL OF
Philmont

THE BLURB

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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1000 hrs;
2 meters FM (147.63/03 via WR3ADS) 0930 hrs.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

It is interesting to note the occupations of the members of our club. A listing of them would provide a good cross-section of typical occupations in any metropolitan area. There are many professionals; doctors, attorneys, engineers, but there are also business men, students, technicians, civil servants, salesman, and of course, retirees.

When Philmont was founded the prime requirement for membership was an interest in ham radio. As the charter members grew older younger people joined the club and kept the balance between age-induced conservatism and youthful rashness. The result, proven over a 30 year period, is very evident today. We still ask only that a prospective member have a genuine interest in our mutual hobby, ham radio. The day-to-day occupation is of only passing interest. We have a good club, technically and socially. We work well together and we get things done. The fact that our members are drawn from such a broad spectrum of the working world is adequate proof that Philmont has remained what it started out to be - an amateur radio club.

de K3KUD

Sam's CORNER



OLD FATHER HUBBARD
WENT TO THE CUPBOARD
TO FETCH PHILMONT
SOME NEWS.....

ETCETRA.!

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PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 6 Regular Meeting at Franklin Institute, 8:00 PM
Feb. 8 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
Feb. 12 Lincoln's Birthday
Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
Feb. 15 Midmonth Meeting at W3GQD
Feb. 20 Official Washington's Birthday
Feb. 22 Traditional Washington's Birthday
Feb. 27 BLURB folding at W3QQH, 7:15 PM

THE PREZ SEZ

Now that the elections are over and we have a new slate, I thank the club for the privilege of serving as its president for this year. I thank the candidates who participated in a close and very interesting election. There is no doubt that everyone on the slate could have served the club beneficially.

I thought for my first article I would clarify my role as president and redefine the function of our club. Perhaps the best way to begin would be to republish the preamble to our constitution for those of us who have not read it recently.

"Mindful of the duties and obligations of the radio amateurs of our country, its government and its people, to further and to increase our enjoyment and proficiency in the hobby of our choosing, and to promote, nurture, and to create good fellowship among and between amateur radio operators, we associate ourselves for the purpose of forming a club for those radio enthusiasts interested in mobile operation."

I believe the club lives up to its preamble. It is the responsibility of the officers to support the by-laws, to maintain the purpose and improve the quality of the club wherever possible.

In every organization the members participate in different ways. It depends upon their degree of interest, the amount of time they can devote to a hobby, their health and energy levels, and their ability to assume positions of responsibility. If any of you feel that you are either being overworked or under-utilized in our club please let it be known. There are many standing committees and undoubtedly there will be new ones as the year goes on.

For those of you who are not aware, I would like to give a list of the committees that have served so well under our esteemed outgoing president, W3AWH.

Repeater Committee
Directory Committee
Club Historian
Communications Bus Committee

Audit Committee
Keeper of the Archives
Blurb Committee
Nominating Committee

THE PREZ SEZ - continued

Welcoming Committee	Nets Committee
Bowling Party Committee	Clambake Committee
Prize Committee	Club Station TKQ Committee
Committee to fix PXY's equipment	

No changes were made in any of the members of the committees with the exception of the Audit and Budget Committees who will meet to review the books and propose the budget for 1978 as early as possible.

I hope next year will bring us enjoyment from our membership and that the club will continue to strengthen by the blending of the talents of the people who come from many walks of life, but who have the common interest in amateur radio.

73
Arnie. WB2LGY

MEETING REPORT

Despite bad weather, a conflicting event at the Institute, utter confusion, and a breakdown in the elevators, Philmont held its Regular Meeting on January 9--and it started on time--in the wrong room!

Proving that in this year we shall overcome adversity in any form, Our New Fearless Leader, Arnie, WB2LGY, made decision after decision all aimed at getting the meeting underway. The final straw being our arrival at Room 501 with a dolly full of goodies and finding the chairs had been filched. Back we went to the first floor cafeteria and the meeting proceeded.

Several presentations were made at the outset. A man-sized gavel to our NFL by Ed, W3RCE; The Leroy Hauser Award to a very deserving Jim Rodgers, W3AWG, in recognition of his outstanding service to the club, by John, W3AWH; Certificates of Service to each of the officers who served in 1976 and 1977. After the awards we got down to the business and heard the Minutes and reports of the Audit and Budget Committees. Following the necessities of a business meeting, Paul, W3VVS, introduced 19 visitors who joined the 32 members present for the evening's program.

"Microprocessors Applied to Amateur Radio" as presented by Bill Scholz, W3YSZ, and Mel Richman, K3KHU, was a well planned and presented program, judiciously augmented by slides. Starting with a discussion of basic hardware, progressing through systems and applications, and ending with demonstrations of microprocessors at work and a question and answer period, the presenters kept us interested and taught us a little as well.

Although our temporary quarters were not nearly as plush as our regular spot, the program and the evening were a complete success.

THINK BOWLING PARTY! March 18 at the Flourtown Lanes. Information and reservations from Jim Spencer, W3QQH and Murray Bevitz, K3SPS.

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MIDMONTH SCHEDULE

Even though at present incomplete, the following dates and locations comprise the assigned list:

January 18	W3AA
February 15	W3GQD
March 15	W3OWK
April 19	Stag Night
May 17	
June 14	
July 19	
August 16	WB2LGY (Annual Bath)
September 20	
October 18	
November 15	W3IGW
December 20	WB3CMM

There are two new repeaters in the area. WR3ACU on 147.96/36 sponsored by the Delaware County Amateur Radio Association; 146.22/82 located at the RCA Building in Camden.

Don't forget the informal round-table each evening on 3920 KHz. If occupied, as close to that frequency as possible. Time is 8:30-9:00 PM.

We had 24 members present at the December Midmonth at the Ardmore White House and as always John and Mollie made us welcome and comfortable - particularly in the dining room.

All Philmonters have, or will receive, RACES applications. Fill them out and mail back. There is no obligation on your part, and they might just be nice to have in the event of an emergency.

The following bit of critical information is supplied by George Weed, W3KN:

From the Federal Register, Volume 42, No. 109. dated 6/7/77 (Guide to Retention Requirements)

2.16 Filbert Handlers

To keep records of shelled and unshelled filberts received and disposed of as prescribed by Filbert Control Board.

Retention Period: 2 years after end of marketing policy year in which transaction occurred. 7 CFR 982.71.

Question #1: Who is chairman of the Filbert Control Board?

Question #2: What is 7 CFR 982.71?

Question #3: What's a Filbert?

TEN YEARS AGO.....

From the BLURB, Vol. 18, Number 12. February, 1968

From the Masthead we learn that W3MHR is President and W3OWK Vice-President. The Editor then, as now, was K3KUD. In the Prez Sez column George was exhorting members to write something for the Blurb. He even threatened, and did write about the now famous USS Birdfish, sometimes known as "Chicken of the Sea" or Chickenship.

Bob Brangan, K3NYL, reported that he was married on January 20. W3QQH reported work on the CommBus proceeding with the paint job finished. Retiring president W3YHV was busy working on his camper. Would you believe that in 1968 8 active members of the club were employed by the Navy at the Naval Base?

W3ADV reported on the activities of W3TKQ for the year 1967. "During 1967 W3TKQ had 393 contacts on Philmont Channel 1 (10 meters) and 957 contacts on the lower frequencies. We were pleased to have 198 licensed visitors to the station from the U.S. and 12 licensed visitors from foreign countries."

New member application listed WA3DSP, Doug Crompton, Student. The Editor asked, "Are you working on your Advanced/Extra Class? Time is slipping by."

Midmonth Meeting list showed the Annual Bath to be at W3NIP. W3CHZ reported that W3JGB, W3MHR, W3YHV, and W3HFY are the early birds checking into the Rooster Net in the dark. W3ADF usually checked in with the second group. W3NIP had been commuting to the ski runs in Vermont. Dick Klein, W3WXC, Senior NCS, was looking for additional and alternate net-control stations.

Thanks to Jim, W3AWG

NOW FOR THE BAD NEWS

A recent article in The Philadelphia Inquirer documented the sobbing lamentations of CB equipment manufacturers who are up to their armpits in inventory. Seems that a combination of market saturation and competition from lower cost imports is killing them.

This is the same group who just about one year ago bombarded us with advertising aimed at opening up the market. Well, the advertising worked, but they neglected to consider the competitive nature of the industry. At present there are only four active U.S. producers of CB units, with many of the others dropping CB and converting production to TV games.

Next year we'll hear about market saturation in that area, no doubt!

We had a nice holiday greeting from Ann Hecht, a former Editor of the Blurb, and Barry. She sends her best to all Philmonters, and apologizes for missing Old Timer's Night.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Leon S. Greenwood, WB3HEU Handle: Stan
6908 Henry Ave.
Phila., PA, 19128
Wife: Esther (No call)
Occupation: Retired
Phone: (H) 482-7272
Sponsors: W3QQH; W3VVS

Ann White, WB3HVE
1613 Lincoln Ave.
Prospect Park, PA, 19076
Husband: Jerry, WB3FPW
Employer: TriChem Liquid Embroidery
Occupation: Sales
Phone: (H) LU-3-0612 (B) ~~LU-3-0308~~
Sponsors: W3QQH; W3VVS

583-
461-5058 3308

Frank Cook, WB3JVH Handle: Frank
407 Rector St.
Phila., PA, 19128
Wife: Catherine (No call)
Employer: Gneral Electric
Occupation: Electronic Technician
Phone: (H) 483-0309 (B) 962-1393
Sponsors: W3GQD; W3QQH

The above applications will be voted on at the February Midmonth Meeting.

MIDMONTH MEETING REPORT

It took ice-skates to get there and oxygen masks to stay at the altitude, but 19 Philmonters made it to the W3AA aerie for the meeting. When not enjoying the view from Hal and Marion's apartment, or the goodies from Marion's kitchen, those present managed to concentrate on the following items of business:

1. Jerry White, WB3FPU, and Phil Evaul, WB2SQD, were elected to membership.
2. Monthly Prize Drawing rules were amended to permit a winner to win a second prize if another of his tickets was drawn.
3. Bill, WB3CMM, finalized the information for the Dayton trip and collected reservation payments.
4. Field Day was discussed. Jim. W3AWG, was named to coordinate a possible joint effort with the NADC Johnsville Radio Club.
5. Jim, W3QQH, speaking for the CommBus Committee, tentatively agreed to attend the SPARC Hamvention at Pomona, N.J. in April.

Program for the February Meeting will be Home Alarm Systems. What they are, and how they work will be discussed.

PHILMONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB

1978 Budget

Income

Dues	\$1250.00
Prize Drawings	540.00
Special Events	1600.00
Miscellaneous Income	150.00
Surplus - 1977	<u>41.85</u>
Total	\$3581.85

EXPENSES

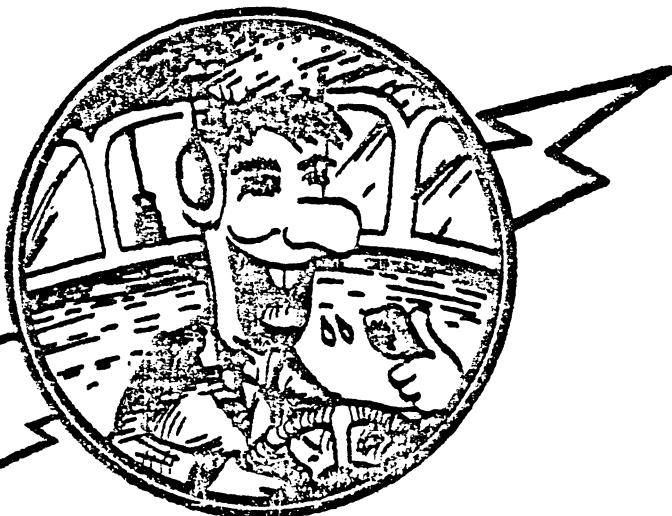
Prizes	\$ 480.00
Special Events	1650.00
Repeater	250.00
Flowers	75.00
Blurb	250.00
Capital Improvement	400.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	250.00
CommBus Maintenance	175.00
Anticipated Surplus	<u>51.85</u>
Total	\$3581.85

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